

REMARKS

I. Status of Claims

Claims 1-14 are currently pending in the application. This amendment addresses each point of rejection raised by the Examiner. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

II. Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §103 (a)

Claims 1-14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Leporini (U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0110382) and further in view of Kitazato (U.S. Patent No. 6,966,065). The Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider the rejection in light of the amendments presented above.

Independent claims 1 and 9 recite a multimedia module for supplying a digital multimedia data stream that is not decrypted, and a second demultiplexer in electrical communication with the multimedia module for receiving the digital multimedia data stream and for demultiplexing a digital multimedia data stream which includes a multiplexed plurality of compressively encoded digital multimedia data.

Kitazato discloses that packets such as video/audio data and the like can be extracted by a demultiplexer (see col. 15, lines 61-64). Further, Kitazato teaches that MPEG video data separated by the demultiplexer 70 is inputted to an MPEG video decoder 55 and the MPEG audio data is inputted to the MPEG audio decoder 54 (see col. 17, lines 18-20). That is, Kitazato discloses a demultiplexer 70 in electrical communication with a descrambler 52 for receiving descrambled data based on a descramble key (i.e. decrypted data). Accordingly, Applicants' teachings are advantageous over conventional digital multimedia broadcasting receivers, which decrypt demultiplexed digital broadcasting data at the conditional access section and then decode the data at the decoding section, since the Applicants provide a second demultiplexer to

deliver the digital media data to the decoding section without decryption at the conditional access section. Therefore, Kitazato fails to disclose a multimedia module for supplying a digital multimedia data stream that is not decrypted and a second demultiplexer in electrical communication with the multimedia module for receiving the digital multimedia data stream

Moreover, the Examiner references the DeMux Driver (82) of Kitazato as an equivalent to Applicants' second demultiplexer. The Applicants respectfully contend that a demux driver is not a demultiplexer, but is merely a driver for driving the single demux 70 disclosed by Kitazato. For example a print driver installed in a CPU is not equivalent to a printer and a modem driver is not a modem. In regard to the demux driver 82, Kitazato teaches that the demux driver 82 performs setting a condition for demultiplexing receiving streams in the demux 70 (i.e. single demux). That is, the demux driver 82 does not perform the demultiplexing itself. Accordingly, Kitazato does not teach a second demultiplexer, as provided by at least one exemplary embodiment of Applicants' teachings recited in claims 1 and 9.

Therefore, the combination of Kitazato and Leporini fails to teach, show, suggest, or render obvious each and every feature recited in independent claims 1 and 9. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection to claims 1 and 9 are respectfully requested.

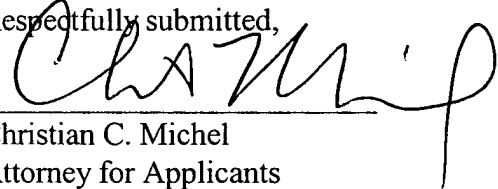
Regarding claims 2-8 and 10-14, the Applicants note that each claim ultimately depends from independent claims 1 and 9, respectively, which are patentable over the cited art for at least the reasons discussed in detail above. Therefore, claims 2-9 and 10-14 are also patentable over the cited art and reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above, it is believed that this application is in condition for allowance and notice to this effect is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below.

Should **any/additional** fees be required, the Director is hereby authorized to charge the fees to Deposit Account No. 18-2220.

Respectfully submitted,

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